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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Heinrich BACHMANN, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/053,192

Filed: January 15, 2002

For: **β,β-CAROTENE 15,15'-
MONOOXYGENASES, NUCLEIC
ACID SEQUENCES CODING
THEREFOR AND THEIR USE**

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Examiner: not yet assigned

Art Unit: not yet assigned

New York, New York
April 8, 2002

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER RULE 1.56

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record the following documents (Form PTO-1449 is enclosed). Copies of these documents are not being submitted herewith, because each was made of record in Parent Application Serial No. 09/504,393, filed February 15, 2000, to which the present application claims benefit under 35 USC §120. *See*, 37 CFR 1.98(d).

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS

C1 Lakshmanan, *et al.*, "Purification and Properties of Carotene 15, 15'-Dioxygenase of Rabbit Intestine," Journal of Lipid Research, Vol. 13, pp. 477-482 (1972)

C2 Devery, *et al.*, "β-Carotene-15, 15'-Dioxygenase (EC 1.13.11.21) Isolation

Reaction Mechanism and an Improved Assay Procedure," British Journal of Nutrition, Vol. 72, pp. 397-414 (1994)

C3 Wolf, "The Enzymatic Cleavage of β -Carotene: Still Controversial," Nutrition Reviews, Vol. 53, No. 5, pp. 134-137 (1995)

C4 Thorbjornson, *et al.*, GenEmbl database - Accession No. AF073473 (1998)

Applicants request that these documents be considered by the Examiner before issuance of a first office action on the merits and made of record in this file. The Examiner is also asked to initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form to evidence such consideration.

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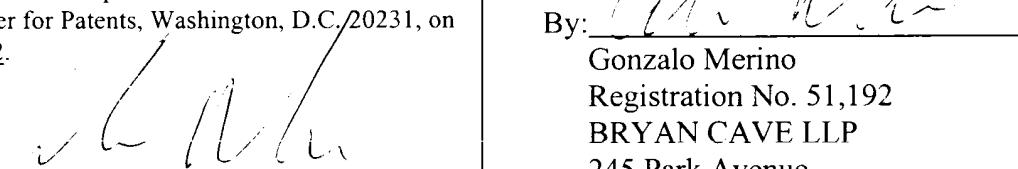
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